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SUBJ: FOLLOWUP ON TERRORIST INCIDENT IN HAGUE

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1. FIRST MIDEAST DIVISION DIRECTOR MURATA TOLD EMBOFF THAT JAPANESE AMBASSADOR IN DAMASCUS HAD QUERIED SYRIAN VICE FONMIN SEPT 25 ON WHEREABOUTS OF JAPANESE RED ARMY MEMBERS. SYRIAN REPLIED HE DID NOT KNOW FOR SURE, BUT HAZARDED THAT GUERRILLAS "MIGHT ALREADY HAVE LEFT SYRIAN TERRITORY".

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VICE FONMIN SAID SYRIAN GOVT STILL HAD POSSESSION OF \$300,000 RANSOM AND DID NOT REALLY KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH

THE MONEY.

2. ABOVE QUERY ONLY MOST RECENT OF DEMARCHES MADE BY JAPANESE EMBASSY DAMASCUS SINCE TERRORISTS LANDED IN SYRIA. ACCORDING TO MURATA, SYRIANS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO SUPPLY ALL POSSIBLE INFORMATION ABOUT HAGUE INCIDENT TO ENABLE JAPANESE TO DETERMINE WHETHER TERRORISTS PUNISHABLE UNDER JAPANESE LAW. SYRIANS HAVE NOT BEEN VERY COOPERATIVE, BUT JAPANESE EXPECT SOME TOKEN HELP. THOUGH GOJ RECOGNIZES DUTCH HAVE PRIMARY INTEREST AND REALIZES JAPAN HAS NO EXTRADITION TREATY WITH SYRIA, FONOFF RESERVING AT LEAST THEORETICAL RIGHT TO ASK FOR EXTRADITION OF GUERRILLAS. MURATA ADDED HIS FEELING THAT THIS POSITION SOMEWHAT ACADEMIC, SINCE SYRIANS UNLIKELY TO RESPOND EVEN IF TERRORISTS STILL UNDER THEIR JURISDICTION.

3. MURATA SAID THAT IN COURSE OF HAGUE INCIDENT, FRENCH AND DUTCH HAD NOT PROVIDED ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED BY GOJ. JAPAN UNDERSTOOD NETHERLANDS RELUCTANCE TO REVEAL DETAILS OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH GUERRILLAS AND SUSPECTED DUTCH NOT TELLING EVEN FRENCH EVERYTHING THAT WAS GOING ON. IN ANY CASE, INFORMATION PROVIDED BY HAGUE EMBASSY OFFICER KONDO, WHO SERVED AS INTERPRETER AND ADVISER TO DUTCH, WAS SUFFICIENT FOR BASIS FOR JAPANESE POLICY AT TIME

4. RE PARA 5 REF B, WE BELIEVE THAT GOJ WILL BE WILLING TO COOPERATE IN CONTEXT OF PROPOSAL OUTLINED REF B AS LONG AS REQUEST FOR INTELLIGENCE ON RED ARMY IS BILATERAL. IN ADDITION TO OURSELVES, DUTCH, FRENCH, GERMANS, AND SWEDES HAVE ASKED GOJ FOR DATA ON GROUP. SUCH REQUESTS, WE UNDERSTAND, ARE BEING HONORED. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, JAPANESE AUTHORITIES WILL BE LEERY OF RESPONDING TO REQUESTS FROM NATO, SINCE THEY NOT CONFIDENT THAT INFORMATION CAN BE LIMITED TO GOVERNMENTS WITH WHOM THEY ON CLOSEST TERMS.
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